



SINLAHEKIN WILDLIFE AREA

Sinlahekin Wildlife Area Facilities Chart

Site Number	Facility Site Name	Maintained Access Site	Campsites with Prebuilt Fire Pits	Campsites with no Prebuilt Fire Pits	Boat Launch	Toilets	Parking
1	Fish Lake East	Yes	0	12	Trailer	ADA	Yes
2	Fish Lake Northeast	No	0	0	Car top	None	Yes
3	Fish Lake North	Yes	0	16	None	ADA	Yes
4	Fish Lake Northwest	Yes	0	16	Trailer	ADA	Yes
5	Fish Lake West	Yes	0	6	Car top	ADA	Yes
6	Fish Lake Southwest	Yes	0	6	None	None	Yes
7	Hunters Camp	Yes	4	5	None	None	Yes
8	Blue Lake South	Yes	6	10	Car top	ADA	Yes
9	Blue Lake Southeast	Yes	0	8	Trailer	ADA	Yes
10	Blue Lake Northeast	Yes	0	5	Trailer	ADA	Yes
11	Blue Lake Northwest	No	0	3	Car top	None	Yes
12	Sinlahekin Creek	Yes	3	13	None	ADA	Yes
13	Hahn Meadow	No	0	3	None	None	Yes
14	Sarasapkin Creek South	No	0	1	None	None	Yes
15	Sarasapkin Creek North	No	0	1	None	None	Yes
16	Forde Lake Southwest	No	0	4	None	None	Yes
17	Forde Lake Southeast	Yes	0	5	None	ADA	Yes
18	Forde Lake Northeast	No	0	4	None	None	Yes
19	Forde Lake North	No	0	1	Car top	None	Yes
20	Forde Lake Northwest	Yes	10	0	Trailer	ADA	Yes
21	Reflection Pond	No	0	2	Car top	None	Yes
22	West of Conners Lake	No	0	1	None	None	Yes
23	Corner Campsite	No	0	2	None	None	Yes
24	Conners Lake North	Yes	0	3	Trailer	ADA	Yes
25	Conners Lake Peninsula	No	0	2	Car top	None	Yes
27	Jay Hill Camp	No	0	1	None	None	Yes
28	Cecile Creek	No	0	1	None	None	Yes

Definitions:
ADA - American Disability Association approved toilet
Car top - Undeveloped boat launch area for canoe or kayak
Trailer - Developed boat launch

Legend

Land Administration Classification

Within the Wildlife Area	Outside the Wildlife Area
WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife	WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
WA Department of Natural Resources Land Managed by WDFW	WA Dept of Natural Resources (DNR)
US Bureau of Land Management Land Managed by WDFW	US Bureau of Land Management
	US Forest Service
	Private Land

Wildlife Viewing

Bighorn Sheep Viewing	Boat Launch
Bird and Hiking Trail	DNR Fire Camp
Viewing Blind	Headquarters

Transportation Network

US Highway	Township Line
Light Duty Road	Section Line
Unimproved Road	

Hydrography

Perennial Stream or River	Summit
Intermittent Stream	200 ft contour
Lake or Pond	
Swamp/Marsh	

Other Facilities

Boat Launch
DNR Fire Camp
Headquarters

Coordinate Grid Systems Public Land Survey (Township, Range, and Section)

Township Line
Section Line

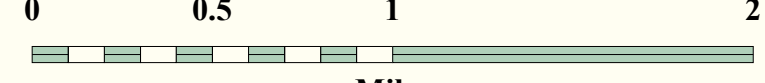
Elevation

Summit
200 ft contour

Universal Transverse Mercator Grid (UTM)

Northing - Easting Intersection (in feet)

About the Map



Miles

Map Scale - 1:34,000

MAP PROJECTION

State Plane South

NORTH AMERICAN DATUM - 1983

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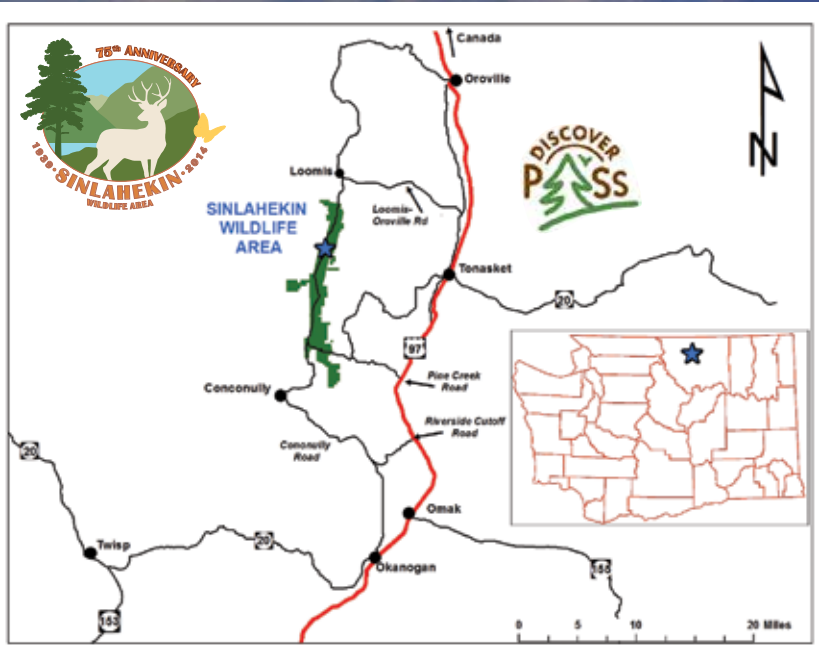
Sources of Information -

Sinlahekin Wildlife Area		
Lands and Facilities -	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife -	2013
Major Public Lands -	WA Department of Natural Resources -	2013
Hydrography -	US Geological Survey -	2013
Transportation Network -	WA Department of Natural Resources -	2013
	WA Department of Transportation -	2005
Elevation -		
Shaded Relief -	WA Department of Natural Resources -	2012
Contour Lines -	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife -	2013

Disclaimer

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Please note: Not all roads depicted on this map are public roads.



From Tonasket west on 4th Ave across Okanogan River to the Hwy 7 Junction. Turn right (north) on Hwy 7 and proceed north to the Loomis Hwy Junction continuing on (west) to Loomis. Drive through Loomis and proceed straight (west) into a sweeping left turn onto Sinlahekin Road. Proceed south on Sinlahekin Road about 3 miles where the road enters SWA.

From Riverside north on SR 97 to about Mile Post (MP) 304.6 turn left (west) on Pine Creek Road. Proceed west about 7 miles where road enters SWA.

From Oroville south on SR 97 to

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Sinlahekin Wildlife Area
The Sinlahekin Wildlife Area is the oldest wildlife area in Washington, established in 1939 to protect critical winter range for mule deer and other game species. It was acquired with funds from the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, (Pittman-Robertson Act), with a federal excise tax on sport hunting firearms and ammunition. Today the area is managed for a diversity of wildlife species for all recreationsists.

The Sinlahekin's 14,314 acres lie 15 miles west of the town of Tonasket in north-central Okanogan County, primarily in the narrow, glaciated Sinlahekin Valley. The 16-mile long valley floor has gently rolling terrain, from which the steep, rocky east and west sides abruptly rise up to 4,000 feet in elevation.

Sinlahekin Creek threads its way through the northern half of the area amid dense stands of birch, willow, and aspen, with numerous beaver ponds and several man-made water impoundments. Upland vegetation on east-facing slopes is mostly open ponderosa pine and bunchgrass. West-facing slopes have less overstory and more bunchgrasses, cliffs, and rock outcrops.

The Sinlahekin Wildlife Area is home to 185 species of birds, 88 butterflies, 45 mammals, 15 fish, and 14 reptiles and amphibians. Mule deer were historically the most common draw for hunters, but in recent decades white-tailed deer have become more abundant. Bighorn sheep, which were extirpated from the area by the early 1900's, were reintroduced in 1957 with transplants from a herd in British Columbia.

At least 559 species of vascular plants, including 9 rare and one threatened species, have been identified on the wildlife area.



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Fauna Legend for all Species									
WHERE TO LOOK									
Habitat: <i>Primary habitats where species may be observed</i>									
A - Agriculture (grainfields, abandoned orchards, alfalfa fields, etc.)									
C - Conifer woodland (Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, western larch, Englemann spruce)									
E - Every habitat									
O - Open water									
R - Riparian woodland/shrubland (water birch, quaking aspen, red osier dogwood, willow, alder, rose, etc.)									
S - Stepped and shrubsteppe (often includes sagebrush and bitterbrush)									
T - Talus, boulder fields, cliffs, and rims									
W - Wetlands									
St - Streams									
U - Urban (Headquarters Dwellings)									

WHEN TO LOOK									
Presence (Pn): relative to SWA									
N - Known nester or breeder (mammals 1st young found within the area)									
L - Likely nester/breeder (breeding behavior observed on SWA or nests or unfledged young found close to SWA) Young or pregnant or lactating condition with mammals.									
H - Appropriate habitat absent at SWA; mammals may travel through or visit during unusual years									
P - Potential nester or breeder (mammals)									
S - Species possible, but not confirmed at SWA									
W - Winter presence at SWA									
M - Migration presence at SWA									
A - Accidental									

CHANCE OF SEEING									
Abundance: Winter (Win) 21 Dec. –19 Mar.; Spring (Spr) 20 Mar.-20 June; Summer (Sum) 21 June –21 Sept.; Autumn (Aut) 22 Sept. –20 Dec.									
A - Abundant (numerous in appropriate habitats)									
C - Common (likely to be observed in appropriate habitats)									
I - Intermittent (intermittently present in suitable habitats)									
U - Uncommon (present in suitable habitats, but not certain to be observed)									
R - Rare (observed every 5 years)									
X - Extremely rare (observed less frequently than every 5 years)									



Birds of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area								
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✓	*Species Possible but not confirmed	Habitat	Pre	Abundance	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut
DIVING BIRDS								
	Common Loon	O	N	X	C	C	C	U
	Red-necked Grebe	OW	N		C	C	C	U
	Horned Grebe*	O						
	Eared Grebe*	O						
	Pied-billed Grebe	OW	N	X	C	C	C	C
	Western Grebe*	O						
	American White Pelican*	OW						
	Double-crested Cormorant*	O						
WETLAND WADERS								
	American Bittern*	RW						
	Great Blue Heron	RW	N	C	C	C	C	C
	Great Egret*	RW						
	Cattle Egret*	AW						
	Black-crowned Night Heron	RW	P			U	U	U



✓	* Species Possible but not confirmed	Abundance					
		Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut
	Sora	W	L	X	U	U	U
	Sandhill Crane	ARW	M		C		C
SHOREBIRDS							
	American Golden-plover*	W					
	Semipalmated Plover*	W					
	Killdeer	SAW	N	R	C	C	C
	Greater Yellowlegs	W	M		U		U
	Lesser Yellowlegs*	W					
	Spotted Sandpiper	W	N		U	C	U
	Long-billed Curlew	SW	P		R	R	R
	Dunlin*	W					
	Western Sandpiper*	W					
	Least Sandpiper*	W					
	Long-billed Dowitcher*	W					
	Common Snipe	RW	N	U	C	C	U
	Wilson's Phalarope*	OW					